

# Committee on Environmental Regulation

# **Action Packet**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006 1:00 – 4:00 PM 212 Knott

# **Committee Meeting Notice** HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Speaker Allan G. Bense

# **Environmental Regulation Committee**

Start Date and Time:

Wednesday, March 22, 2006 01:00 pm

End Date and Time:

Wednesday, March 22, 2006 04:00 pm

Location:

212 Knott Building

**Duration:** 

3.00 hrs

#### Consideration of the following bill(s):

HB 749 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems by Bowen HB 1029 Carrying of Firearms in National Forests by Baxley HB 1347 Land Management by Williams

HB 1533 Petroleum Contamination by Sands

# Consideration of the following proposed committee bill(s):

PCB ENVR 06-06 -- Derelict Vessels PCB ENVR 06-07 -- Wetland Mitigation

#### **Environmental Regulation Committee**

3/22/2006 1:00:00PM

Location: 212 Knott Building

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#### Attendance:

	Present	Absent	Excused
Mitch Needelman (Chair)	X		
Bob Allen	X		
Don Davis	X		
Will Kendrick	X		
Frank Peterman	X		
David Russell	X		
Franklin Sands	X		
Totals:	7	0	o

#### **Environmental Regulation Committee**

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HB 749 : Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems

·	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Bob Allen	X				
Don Davis	X				
Will Kendrick	X				
Frank Peterman	X				
David Russell	X				
Franklin Sands	X				
Mitch Needelman (Chair)	X				

#### **HB 749 Amendments**

#### Amendment 1

X Adopted Without Objection

#### **Appearances:**

Steve Metz (Lobbyist) - Proponent Florida Onsite Waste Waster Association 215 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee Florida 32303 Phone: 205-9000

Bill Barrett (Lobbyist) - Information Only City of Palm Bay & City of St. Cloud P.O. Box 60877 Palm Bay Florida 32906 Phone: 321-403-6410

Rebecca O'Hara (Lobbyist) - Opponent Florida League of Cities P.O. Box 1757 Tallahassee Florida 32302 Phone: 222-9684

Diana Grawitch (Lobbyist) - Information Only Florida Association of Counties P.O. Box 549 Tallahassee Florida 32302

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Harold Morrison - Information Only 6480 Manasota Key Road Englewood Florida 34223 Phone: 941-475-5074

Fremont Thompson - Proponent 8345 Manasota Key Rd. Englewood Florida 34223 Phone: 34223

Sam Averett - Proponent Averett Septic Tank Co. Inc. P.O. Box 266 Eaton Park Florida 33804 Phone: 863-665-1748

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#### **Environmental Regulation Committee**

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**HB 1029 : Carrying of Firearms in National Forests** 

X Favorable With Committee	Substitute				
	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Bob Allen	X				
Don Davis	X				
Will Kendrick	X				
Frank Peterman		X			
David Russell	X				

Total Yeas: 6 Total Nays: 1

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#### **HB 1029 Amendments**

Mitch Needelman (Chair)

#### Amendment 1

Franklin Sands

X Adopted Without Objection

#### **Appearances:**

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#### **Environmental Regulation Committee**

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HB 1347: Land Management

X Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Bob Allen	X				
Don Davis	X				·
Will Kendrick	· X				
Frank Peterman	X				
David Russell	X				
Franklin Sands	X				
Mitch Needelman (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 7	Total Nays: 0	)		

#### **HB 1347 Amendments**

#### Amendment 1

X Adopted Without Objection

#### Appearances:

Eric Draper (Lobbyist) - Proponent Audubon of Florida 2507 Callaway Rd., #103 Tallahassee Florida 32303

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Sam Ard (Lobbyist) - Proponent Kitson & Partners

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Tallahassee Florida 32302

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#### **Environmental Regulation Committee**

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**HB 1533 : Petroleum Contamination** 

X Favorable					
	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Bob Allen	X				
Don Davis	X				
Will Kendrick	X				
Frank Peterman	X				
David Russell	X				
Franklin Sands	X				
Mitch Needelman (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 7	Total Nays:	0		

#### **Appearances:**

Jim Smith (Lobbyist) - Proponent Florida Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Assoc. 209 Office Plaza Drive Tallahassee Florida 32301

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Mary Jean Yon (State Employee) - Information Only Florida Department of Environmental Protection 2600 Blair Stone Rd. Tallahassee Florida 32399

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PCB ENVR 06-06 : Derelict Vessels

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Bob Allen	X	_			
Don Davis	X				
Will Kendrick	X				
Frank Peterman	X				
David Russell	X				
Franklin Sands	X				
Mitch Needelman (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 7	Total Nays: 0			

#### **PCB ENVR 06-06 Amendments**

#### Amendment 1

X Adopted Without Objection

#### **Amendment 2**

X Adopted Without Objection

#### **Appearances:**

Missy Timmins (Lobbyist) - Proponent Marine Industries Association of Florida 112 E. Jefferson Tallahassee Florida 32302 Phone: 264-3225

Bonnie Basham (Lobbyist) - Proponent Boat Owners Association of the U.S. 133 Oak St., #15 Tallahassee Florida 32301 Phone: 561-6116

Diana Grawitch (Lobbyist) - Information Only Florida Association of Counties P.O. Box 549 Tallahassee Florida 32302 Phone: 922-4300

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#### **Environmental Regulation Committee**

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**Location:** 212 Knott Building Pat Rose (Lobbyist) - Proponent Save the Manatee Club 2545 Blair Stone Pines Dr. Tallahassee Florida 32301 Phone: 570-1375

Alexander Diaz (Lobbyist) - Information Only Miami-Dade County 3071 SW 38 Ave. Miami Florida 33146

Phone: 786-236-4211

Phone: 222-7500

Jill Gran (Lobbyist) - Proponent National Marine Manufacturers Assoc. 123 S. Calhoun St. Tallahassee Florida 32303

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PCB ENVR 06-07: Wetland Mitigation

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#### Appearances:

Eric Draper (Lobbyist) - Information Only Audubon of Florida 2507 Callaway Rd., #103 Tallahassee Florida 32303 Phone: 224-7546

Charlene Walker - Opponent Lague of Women Voters of Florida 3505 Kilkenny Dr. E Tallahassee Florida 32309 Phone: 668-7796

Pat Rose (Lobbyist) - Opponent Lake Carolyn Home Owners Assoc. 5171 Widefield Rd. Tallahassee Florida 32309 Phone: 668-9305

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**Summary:** 

**Environmental Regulation Committee** 

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HB 749 Favorable With Committee Substitute

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Amendment 1 Adopted Without Objection

HB 1029 Favorable With Committee Substitute

Yeas: 6 Nays: 1

Amendment 1 Adopted Without Objection

HB 1347 Favorable With Committee Substitute

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Amendment 1 Adopted Without Objection

HB 1533 Favorable

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

PCB ENVR 06-06 Favorable With Amendments

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Amendment 1

Adopted Without Objection

Amendment 2

Adopted Without Objection

PCB ENVR 06-07 Favorable

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

# HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

Bill No. 749

### COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	$ \stackrel{(Y/N)}{\frown}$
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	$\chi$ ( $\chi$ ) <sub>N</sub> )
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	(Y/N)
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Council/Committee hearing bill: Environmental Regulation Representative(s) Bowen offered the following:

## Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 153.54, Florida Statutes, to read:

153.54 Preliminary report by county commissioners with respect to creation of proposed district.--Upon receipt of a petition duly signed by not less than 25 qualified electors who are also freeholders residing within an area proposed to be incorporated into a water and sewer district pursuant to this law and describing in general terms the proposed boundaries of such proposed district, the board of county commissioners if it shall deem it necessary and advisable to create and establish such proposed district for the purpose of constructing, establishing or acquiring a water system or a sewer system or both in and for such district (herein called "improvements"), shall first cause a preliminary report to be made which such report together with any other relevant or pertinent matters, shall include at least the following:

(5) For the construction of a new proposed sewerage system or the extension of an existing sewerage system which was not previously approved or not in a designated urban service area, the report shall include a detailed feasibility study that: evaluates the present age, condition, and maintenance history of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems currently in use in the area; a comparison of the projected costs to the owner of a typical lot or parcel of connecting to and using the proposed sewerage system versus installing, operating and properly maintaining an onsite sewage treatment system, approved by the Department of Health that provides for the comparable level of environmental and health protection as the proposed central sewerage system; evaluates whether the density required to accommodate onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems would meet the local government's comprehensive plan requirements for density for the area and environmental protection of the local government's surface and groundwater; and consideration of the local government's obligations or reasonably anticipated obligations for water body cleanup and protection under state or federal programs.

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Such report shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court and shall be open for the inspection of any taxpayer, property owner, qualified elector or any other interested or affected person.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of section 153.73, Florida Statutes, to read:

153.73 Assessable improvements; levy and payment of special assessments.--Any district may provide for the construction or reconstruction of assessable improvements as defined in s. 153.52, and for the levying of special assessments

upon benefited property for the payment thereof, under the provisions of this section.

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- Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 163.3180, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3180 Concurrency.--

(2)(a) Consistent with public health and safety, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, adequate water supplies, and potable water facilities shall be in place and available to serve new development no later than the issuance by the local government of a certificate of occupancy or its functional

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equivalent. Prior to approval of a building permit or its functional equivalent, the local government shall consult with the applicable water supplier to determine whether adequate water supplies to serve the new development will be available no later than the anticipated date of issuance by the local government of a certificate of occupancy or its functional equivalent. A local government may meet the concurrency requirement for sanitary sewer through the use of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems approved by the Department of Health to serve new development.

Section 4. Subsection (3) is added to section 180.03, Florida Statutes, to read:

180.03 Resolution or ordinance proposing construction or extension of utility; objections to same.--

(3) For the construction of a new proposed sewerage system or the extension of an existing sewerage system which was not previously approved or not in a designated urban service area, the report shall include a detailed feasibility study that: evaluates the present age, condition, and maintenance history of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems currently in use in the area; a comparison of the projected costs to the owner of a typical lot or parcel of connecting to and using the proposed sewerage system versus installing, operating and properly maintaining an onsite sewage treatment system, approved by the Department of Health that provides for the comparable level of environmental and health protection as the proposed central sewerage system; evaluates whether the density required to accommodate onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems would meet the local government's comprehensive plan requirements for density for the area and environmental protection of the local government's surface and groundwater; and consideration of the

- obligations for water body cleanup and protection under state or federal programs. The results of such a study shall be included in the resolution or ordinance required in subsection (1).
- Section 5. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) are added to subsection (2) of section 381.00655, Florida Statutes, to read:

  381.00655 Connection of existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems to central sewerage system; requirements.--
- (2) The provisions of subsection (1) or any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding:
- treatment and disposal system permitted by the department that provides for treatment meeting advanced secondary treatment standards shall not be required to connect to a publicly owned or investor-owned sewerage system as long as the onsite system is functioning properly and satisfying the conditions of the operating permit.
  - (d) Paragraphs (c) shall not apply where:
- 1. The area is clearly subject to an existing sewer utility or authority bond covenant or other financial commitments which expressly provides and requires hook-up to the central system and which was in effect on July 1, 2006;
- 2. The area is clearly subject to a state or federal requirement or court order requiring hook up to a central sewer system.
- 3. The area is located in Monroe County or any municipality located therein.
- 142 4. The area is located within a basin containing a water

  143 body listed pursuant to s. 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, Pub.

  144 L. No. 99-500, 33 U.S.C. ss 1251 et seq.

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5. The area is designated in a local comprehensive plan as an urban service area.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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Remove the entire title and insert:

An act relating to sewage treatment and disposal systems;

amending s. 153.54, F.S.; requiring county commissions to

include certain studies for the construction of a new

proposed sewerage system or the extension of an existing

sewerage system in certain reports; amending s. 153.73, F.S.; requiring county water and sewer districts to

conduct certain studies for the construction of a new proposed sewerage system or the extension of an existing

sewerage system prior to the levying of certain assessments; amending s. 163.3180, F.S.; authorizing local

governments to use certain onsite sewage treatment and

disposal systems to meet certain concurrency requirements; amending s. 180.03, F.S.; requiring municipalities to

conduct certain studies for the construction of a new

proposed sewerage system or the extension of an existing

sewerage system prior to the adoption of certain resolutions or ordinances; amending s. 381.00655, F.S.;

exempting certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal

systems from connecting to a publicly owned or investor-

owned sewerage system under certain circumstances;

providing an effective date.

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## Amendment No. 1

-	Bill No. 1029
	COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION
	ADOPTED (Y/N)
	ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
	ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y)N)
	FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
	WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
	OTHER
1	Council/Committee hearing bill: Environmental Regulation
2	Committee
3	Representative(s) Baxley offered the following:
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5	Amendment (with directory and title amendments)
6	Remove lines 35 through 38 and insert:
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8	Section 3. The Department of Environmental Protection
9	shall amend rule 62D-2.014(10), Florida Administrative Code, to
10	allow the possession of weapons in compliance with all
11	applicable Florida Statutes. The rule shall be amended to
12	indicate that such weapons shall be at all times in the
13	possession of a responsible party or properly secured within or
14	to a vehicle or temporary housing, which shall include motor
15	homes, travel trailers, recreational vehicles, campers, tents,
16	or other enclosed structures, while in state parks.
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19	========= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =========
20	Remove lines 9 through 12 and insert:

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22	790.25, F.S.; correcting cross-references; requiring the
23	Department of Environmental Protection to amend the
24	correlative rule in the Florida Administrative Code to
	allow the possession of weapons in compliance with all
25	Florida Statutes; providing requirements with respect to
26	Florida Statutes; providing requirements
27	amendment of the rule; providing an effective date.

-	Bill No. <b>1347</b>
	COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION
	ADOPTED (Y/N)
	ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
	ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION $X (Y)/N$
	FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
	WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
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1	Council/Committee hearing bill: Environmental Regulation
2	Representative(s) Williams offered the following:
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4	Amendment (with title amendment)
5	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
6	Section 1. Section 259.1053, Florida Statutes, is created
7	to read:
8	259.1053 Babcock Ranch Preserve; Babcock Ranch, Inc,;
9	creation; membership; organization; meetings
10	(1) This section may be cited as the "Babcock Ranch
11	Preserve Act."
12	(2) DEFINITIONS As used in this section, the term:
13	(a) "Babcock Ranch Preserve" and "preserve" mean the lands
14	and facilities acquired in the purchase of the Babcock Crescent
15	B Ranch, as provided in s. 259.1052.
16	(b) "Babcock Ranch, Inc." and "corporation" mean the not-
17	for-profit corporation created under this section to operate and
18	manage the Babcock Ranch Preserve as a working ranch.
19	(c) "Board of directors" means the governing board of the
20	not-for-profit corporation created under this section.
21	(d) "Commission" means the Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission.

- (e) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture.
- (f) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (g) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (h) "Financially self-sustaining" means management and operation expenditures not more than the revenues collected from fees and other receipts for resource use and development, and interest and invested funds.
- (i) "Management and operating expenditures" means expenses of the corporation, including, but not limited to, salaries and benefits of officers and staff, administrative and operating expenses, costs for improvements to and maintenance of lands and facilities of the Babcock Ranch Preserve, and other similar expenses. Such expenditures shall be made from revenues generated from the operation of the ranch and not from funds appropriated by the Legislature except as provided in this section.
- (j) "Member" means a person appointed to the board of directors of the not-for-profit corporation created under this section.
- (k) "Multiple use" means the management of all of the renewable surface resources of the Babcock Ranch Preserve to best meet the needs of the public, including the use of the land for some or all of the renewable surface resources or related services over areas large enough to allow for periodic adjustments in use to conform to the changing needs and conditions of the preserve while recognizing that a portion of the land will be used for some of the renewable surface resources available on that land. The goal of multiple use is the harmonious and coordinated management of the renewable

- surface resources without impairing the productivity of the land and considering the relative value of the renewable surface resources, and not necessarily a combination of uses to provide the greatest monetary return or the greatest unit output.
- (1) "Sustained yield of the renewable surface resources" means the achievement and maintenance of a high level of annual or regular periodic output of the various renewable surface resources of the preserve without impairing the productivity of the land.
  - (3) CREATION OF BABCOCK RANCH PRESERVE. --
- (a) The acquisition of the Babcock Crescent B Ranch by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund is a conservation acquisition under the Florida Forever program created under s. 259.105, with a goal of sustaining the ecological and economic integrity of the property being acquired while allowing the business of the ranch to operate and prosper.
- (b) Upon the date of acquisition of the Babcock Crescent B Ranch, there is created the Babcock Ranch Preserve, which shall be managed in accordance with the purposes and requirements of this section.
- (c) The preserve is established to protect and preserve the environmental, agricultural, scientific, scenic, geologic, watershed, fish, wildlife, historic, cultural, and recreational values of the preserve, and to provide for the multiple use and sustained yield of the renewable surface resources within the preserve consistent with this section.
- (d) Babcock Ranch, Inc., and its officers and employees shall participate in the management of the Babcock Ranch

  Preserve in an advisory capacity only until the management agreement referenced in paragraph (10)(a) is terminated or expires.

- (e) Nothing in this section shall preclude Babcock Ranch, Inc., prior to assuming management and operation of the preserve and thereafter, from allowing the use of common varieties of mineral materials such as sand, stone, and gravel for construction and maintenance of roads and facilities within the preserve.
- (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the constitutional responsibilities of the commission in the exercise of its regulatory and executive power with respect to wild animal life and fresh water aquatic life, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping within the preserve.
- (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with or prevent the ability of Babcock Ranch, Inc., to implement agricultural practices authorized by the agricultural land use designations established in the local comprehensive plans of either Charlotte County or Lee County as those plans apply to the Babcock Ranch Preserve.
- (h) To clarify the responsibilities of the lead managing agencies and the not-for-profit corporation created under this section, the lead managing agencies are directed to establish a range of resource protection values for the Babcock Ranch Preserve, and the corporation shall establish operational parameters to conduct the business of the ranch within the range of values. The corporation shall establish a range of operational values to conduct the business of the ranch, and the lead managing agencies providing ground support to the ranch outside of each agency's jurisdictional responsibilities shall establish management parameters within that range of values.
- (i) Nothing in this section shall preclude the maintenance and use of roads and trails or the relocation of roads in

existence on the effective date of this section, or the

construction, maintenance, and use of new trails, or any

motorized access necessary for the administration of the land

contained within the preserve, including motorized access

necessary for emergencies involving the health or safety of

persons within the preserve.

- (4) CREATION OF BABCOCK RANCH, INCORPORATED. --
- known as Babcock Ranch, Inc., which shall be registered, incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with the provisions of chapter 617, and which shall not be a unit or entity of state government. For purposes of sovereign immunity, the corporation shall be a corporation primarily acting as an instrumentality of the state but otherwise shall not be an agency within the meaning of s. 20.031(11) or a unit or entity of state government.
- (b) The corporation is organized on a nonstock basis and shall operate in a manner consistent with its public purpose and in the best interest of the state.
- (c) Meetings and records of the corporation, its directors, advisory committees, or similar groups created by the corporation, including any not-for-profit subsidiaries, are subject to the public records provisions of chapter 119, and the public meetings and records provisions of s. 286.011.
- (5) APPLICABILITY OF SECTION. -- In any conflict between a provision of this section and a provision of chapter 617, the provisions of this section shall prevail.
- (6) PURPOSE. -- The purpose of Babcock Ranch, Inc., is to provide management and administrative services for the preserve, to establish and implement management policies that will achieve the purposes and requirements of this section, to cooperate with

state agencies to further the purposes of the preserve, and to establish the administrative and accounting procedures for the operation of the corporation.

- (7) BOARD; MEMBERSHIP; REMOVAL; LIABILITY.--The corporation shall be governed by a nine-member board of directors who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; the executive director of the commission; the commissioner; the Babcock Florida Company, a corporation registered to do business in the state, or it successors or assigns; the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners in the following manner:
- (a)1. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
  Trust Fund shall appoint four members. No appointee shall be an
  employee of any governmental entity. One appointee shall have
  expertise in domesticated livestock management, production, and
  marketing, including range management and livestock business
  management. One appointee shall have expertise in the management
  of game and nongame wildlife and fish population, including
  hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities. One
  appointee shall have expertise in the sustainable management of
  forest lands for commodity purposes. One appointee shall have
  expertise in financial management, budget and program analysis,
  and small business operations.
- 2. The executive director shall appoint one member with expertise in hunting; fishing; nongame species management; or wildlife habitat management, restoration, and conservation.
- 3. The commissioner shall appoint one member with expertise in agricultural operations or forestry management.
- 4. The Babcock Florida Company, its successors or assigns, shall appoint one member with expertise in the activities and

178	management of the Babcock Ranch on the date of acquisition of
179	the ranch by the state as provided under s. 259.1052. This
180	appointee shall serve on the board of directors only until the
181	termination of or expiration of the management agreement
182	attached as Exhibit "E" to that certain agreement for sale and
183	purchase approved by the Board of Trustees of the Internal
184	Improvement Trust Fund on November 22, 2005, and by Lee County,
185	a political subdivision of the state, on November 20, 2005. Upor
186	termination of or expiration of the management agreement, the
187	person serving as the head of the property owner's association,
188	if any, required to be created under the agreement for sale and
189	purchase shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors of
190	Babcock Ranch, Inc.
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- 5. The Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners shall appoint one member who shall be a resident of the county and who shall be active in an organization concerned with the activities of the ranch.
- 6. The Lee County Board of County Commissioners shall appoint one member who shall be a resident of the county and who shall have experience in land conservation and management. This appointee, or a successor appointee, shall serve as a member of the board of directors so long as the county participates in the state land management plan.
- (b) All members of the board of directors shall be appointed no later 90 days following the initial acquisition of the Babcock Ranch by the state, and
- 1. Four members initially appointed by the Board of
  Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund each shall serve
  a 4-year term.
- 2. The remaining initial five appointees shall serve a 2-year term.

- 209 3. Each Members appointed thereafter shall serve a 4-year 210 term.
  - 4. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made, and a member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of that term.
  - 5. No member may serve more than 8 years in consecutive terms.
  - (c) With the exception of the Babcock Florida Company appointee, no member may be an officer, director, or shareholder in any entity that contracts with or receives funds from the corporation or its subsidiaries.
  - (d) No member shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, which he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained or to the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal by which he or she is retained, or which he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a relative or business associate of the member. Such member shall, prior to the vote being taken, publicly state the nature of his or her interest in the matter from which he or she is abstaining from voting and, no later than 15 days following the date the vote occurs, disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes of the meeting.
  - (e) Each member of the board of directors is accountable for the proper performance of the duties of office, and each member owes a fiduciary duty to the people of the state to ensure that funds provided in furtherance of this section are disbursed and used as prescribed by law and contract. Any

- 240 official appointing a member may remove that member for
- 241 malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence,
- 242 permanent inability to perform official duties, unexcused
- 243 absence from three consecutive meetings of the board, arrest or
- 244 indictment for a crime that is a felony or misdemeanor involving
- 245 theft or a crime of dishonesty, or pleading nolo contendere to,
- 246 or being found guilty of, any crime.
- 247 (f) Each member of the board of directors shall serve
- 248 without compensation, but shall receive travel and per diem
- expenses as provided in s. 112.061 while in the performance of
- 250 his or her duties.
- 251 (8) ORGANIZATION; MEETINGS.--
- 252 (a)1. The board of directors shall annually elect a
- 253 chairperson and a vice chairperson from among the board's
- 254 members. The members may, by a vote of five of the nine board
- 255 members, remove a member from the position of chairperson or
- vice chairperson prior to the expiration of his or her term as
- 257 chairperson or vice chairperson. His or her successor shall be
- 258 elected to serve for the balance of the removed chairperson's or
- 259 vice chairperson's term.
- 2. The chairperson shall ensure that records are kept of
- 261 the proceedings of the board of directors and is the custodian
- of all books, documents, and papers filed with the board, the
- 263 minutes of meetings of the board, and the official seal of the
- 264 corporation.
- (b) 1. The board of directors shall meet upon the call of
- the chairperson at least three times per year in Charlotte
- 267 County or in Lee County.
- 268 2. A majority of the members of the board of directors
- 269 constitutes a quorum. Except as otherwise provided in this
- 270 section, the board of directors may take official action by a

majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present. Members may not vote by proxy.

- (9) POWERS AND DUTIES. --
- (a) The board of directors shall adopt articles of incorporation and bylaws necessary to govern its activities. The adopted articles of incorporation and bylaws must be approved by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund prior to filing with the Department of State.
- (b) The board of directors shall review and approve any management plan developed pursuant to ss. 253.034 and 259.032 for the management of lands in the preserve prior to the submission of that plan to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for approval and implementation.
- (c) 1. Except for the constitutional powers of the commission as provided in s. 9, Art. IV, of the State

  Constitution, the board of directors shall have all necessary and proper powers for the exercise of the authorities vested in the corporation, including, but not limited to, the power to solicit and accept donations of funds, property, supplies, or services from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other public or private entities for the purposes of this section. All funds received by the corporation shall be deposited into the operating fund authorized under this section unless otherwise directed by the Legislature.
- 2. The board of directors may not increase the number of its members.
- 3. The corporation may not purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.

- 4. The corporation may not sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any real property.
- 5. The corporation may not purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, or otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships, or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, government district, municipality, or any instrumentality thereof.
- 6. The corporation may not lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds lent or invested.
- 7. The corporation may not merge with other corporations or other business entities.
- 8. The corporation may not enter into any contract, lease, or other agreement related to the use of ground or surface waters located in, on, or through the preserve without the consent of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund and permits that may be required by the Department of Environmental Protection or the appropriate water management district under chapters 373 and 403.
- 9. The corporation may not grant any easements in, on, or across the preserve. Any easements to be granted for the use of, access to, or ingress and egress across state property within the preserve must be executed by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund as the owners of the state

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within the preserve titled in the name of a local government
must be granted by the governing body of that local government.

- 10. The corporation may not enter into any contract, lease, or other agreement related to the use and occupancy of the property within the preserve for a period of greater than 10 years.
- (c) The members may, with the written approval of the commission and in consultation with the department, designate hunting, fishing, and trapping zones and establish additional periods when no hunting, fishing, or trapping shall be permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, and the protection and enhancement of nongame habitat and nongame species, as defined under s. 372.001.
- right to use the words "Babcock Ranch, Inc." and any seal, emblem, or other insignia adopted by the members. Without the express written authority of the corporation, no person may use the words "Babcock Ranch, Inc." as the name under which that person conducts or purports to conduct business, for the purpose of trade or advertisement, or in any manner that may suggest any connection with the corporation.
- (e) The corporation may from time to time appoint advisory committees to further any part of this section. The advisory committees shall be reflective of the expertise necessary for the particular function for which the committee is created and may include public agencies, private entities, and not-for-profit conservation and agricultural representatives.

- (f) State laws governing the procurement of commodities and services by state agencies, as provided in s. 287.057, shall apply to the corporation.
- (g) The corporation and its subsidiaries must provide equal employment opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status.
- (10) OPERATING FUND, ANNUAL BUDGET, AUDIT, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--
- (a) The board of directors may establish and manage an operating fund to address the corporation's unique cash-flow needs and to facilitate the management and operation of the preserve as a working ranch. A cash balance reserve of not more than 25 percent of the annual management and operating expenditures of the corporation may accumulate and be maintained in the operating fund at anytime.
- (b) The board of directors shall provide for an annual financial audit of the corporate accounts and records to be conducted by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor General under s.

  11.45(8). The audit report shall be submitted no later than 3 months following the end of the fiscal year to the Auditor General, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the appropriate substantive and fiscal committees of the Legislature. The Auditor General, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, and the substantive or fiscal committees of the Legislature to which legislation affecting the Babcock Ranch Preserve may be referred shall have the authority to require and receive from the corporation or from the independent auditor any records relative to the operation of the corporation.

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(c) Not later than January 15 of each year, Babcock Ranch,
Inc., shall submit to the Board of Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Trust Fund, the President of the Senate, the Speaker
of the House of Representatives, the department, and the
commission a comprehensive and detailed report of its
operations, activities, and accomplishments for the prior year,
including information on the status of the ecological, cultural,
and financial resources being managed by the corporation, and
benefits provided by the preserve to local communities. The
report shall also include a section describing the corporation's
goals for the current year.

- (d) The board of directors shall prepare an annual budget with the goal of achieving a financially self-sustaining operation within 15 full fiscal years after the initial acquisition of the Babcock Ranch by the state. The department shall provide necessary assistance, including details as necessary, to the corporation for the timely formulation and submission of an annual legislative budget request for appropriations, if any, to support the administration, operation, and maintenance of the preserve. A request for appropriations shall be submitted to the department and shall be included in the department's annual legislative budget request as a separate line item appropriation. Requests for appropriations shall be submitted to the department in time to allow the department to meet the requirements of s. 216.023. The department may not deny a request or refuse to include in its annual legislative budget submission a request from the corporation for an appropriation.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all moneys received from donations or from management of the preserve shall be retained by the corporation in the operating fund and shall

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423	be available, without further appropriation, for the
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426	incurred with respect to properties being managed by the
427	corporation. Except as provided in this section, moneys received
428	by the corporation for the management of the preserve shall not
429	be subject to distribution by the state. Upon assuming
430	management responsibilities for the preserve, the corporation
431	shall optimize the generation of income based on existing
432	marketing conditions to the extent that activities do not
433	unreasonably diminish the long-term environmental, agricultural,
434	scenic, and natural values of the preserve or the multiple-use
435	and sustained-yield capability of the land.

(f) All parties in contract with the corporation and all holders of leases from the corporation that are authorized to occupy, use, or develop properties under the management jurisdiction of the corporation must procure the proper insurance as is reasonable or customary to insure against any loss in connection with the properties or with activities authorized in the leases or contracts.

#### (11) COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS PLAN. --

(a) A comprehensive business plan for the management and operation of the preserve as a working ranch and amendments to the business plan may only be developed with input from the department and the commission and may only be implemented by Babcock Ranch, Inc., upon expiration of the management agreement attached as Exhibit "E" to that certain agreement for sale and purchase approved by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund on November 22, 2005, and by Lee County on November 20, 2005.

- (b) Any final decision of Babcock Ranch, Inc., to adopt or amend the comprehensive business plan or to approve any activity related to the management of the renewable surface resources of the preserve shall be made in sessions that are open to the public. The board of directors shall establish procedures for providing adequate public information and opportunities for public comment on the proposed comprehensive business plan for the preserve or for amendments to the comprehensive business plan adopted by the members.
- (c) Not less than 2 years prior to the corporation's assuming management and operation responsibilities for the preserve, the corporation, with input from the commission and the department, must begin developing the comprehensive business plan to carry out the purposes of this section. To the extent consistent with the purposes, the comprehensive business plan shall provide for:
- 1. The management and operation of the preserve as a working ranch.
- 2. The protection and preservation of the environmental, agricultural, scientific, scenic, geologic, watershed, fish, wildlife, historic, cultural, and recreational values of the preserve.
- 3. The promotion of high-quality hunting experiences for the public, with emphasis on deer, turkey, and other game species.
- 4. Multiple use and sustained yield of renewable surface resources within the preserve.
  - 5. Public use of and access to the preserve for recreation
- 6. The use of renewable resources and management alternatives that, to the extent practicable, benefit local communities and small businesses and enhance the coordination of

- management objectives with those on surrounding public or private lands. The use of renewable resources and management alternatives should provide cost savings to the corporation through the exchange of services, including, but not limited to, labor and maintenance of facilities for resources or services provided to the corporation.
  - (d) On or before the date on which title to the portion of the Babcock Crescent B Ranch being purchased by the state, as provided in s. 259.1052, is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, Babcock Ranch Management, LLC, a limited liability company incorporated in the state, shall provide the commission and the department with the proprietary management plan and business plan in place for the operation of the ranch as of November 22, 2005, the date on which the board of trustees approved the purchase.

# (12) MANAGEMENT OF PRESERVE; FEES.--

- (a) The corporation shall assume all authority provided by this section to manage and operate the preserve as a working ranch upon a determination by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund that the corporation is able to conduct business and that provision has been made for essential services on the preserve, which, to the maximum extent practicable, shall be made no later than 60 days prior to the termination of the management agreement referenced in paragraph (11)(a).
- (b) Upon assuming management and operation of the preserve, the corporation shall:
- 1. Manage and operate with input from the commission and the department the preserve and the uses thereof, including, but not limited to, the activities necessary to administer and operate the preserve as a working ranch; the activities

515	necessary for the preservation and development of the land and
516	renewable surface resources of the preserve; the activities
517	necessary for interpretation of the history of the preserve on
518	behalf of the public; the activities necessary for the
519	management, public use, and occupancy of facilities and lands
520	within the preserve; and maintenance, rehabilitation, repair,
521	and improvement of property within the preserve.

- 2. Develop programs and activities relating to the management of the preserve as a working ranch.
- 3. Negotiate directly with and enter into agreements, leases, contracts, and other arrangements with any person, firm, association, organization, corporation, or governmental entity, including entities of federal, state, and local governments, as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes and activities authorized by this section.
- 4. Establish procedures for entering into lease agreements and other agreements for the use and occupancy of the facilities of the preserve. The procedures shall ensure reasonable competition and set guidelines for determining reasonable fees, terms, and conditions for such agreements.
- 5. Assess reasonable fees for admission to, use of, and occupancy of the preserve to offset costs for operation of the preserve as a working ranch. These fees are independent of fees assessed by the commission for the privilege of hunting, fishing, or pursuing outdoor recreational activities within the preserve and shall be deposited into the operating fund established by the board of directors under the authority provided in this section.
  - (13) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. --
- (a) Except for the powers of the commissioner provided in this section and the powers of the commission provided in s. 9,

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- (b) Officers and employees of Babcock Ranch, Inc., are private employees. At the request of the board of directors, the commission and the department may provide state employees for the purpose of implementing this section. Any state employee provided to assist the directors in implementing this section for more than 30 days shall be provided on a reimbursable basis. Reimbursement to the commission and the department shall be made from the corporation's operating fund provided under this section and not from any funds appropriated to the corporation by the Legislature.
  - (14) DISSOLUTION OF BABCOCK RANCH, INCORPORATED. --
- (a) The corporation may only be dissolved by an act of the Legislature.
- (b) Upon dissolution of the corporation, the management responsibilities provided in this section shall revert to the commission and the department unless otherwise provided by the Legislature under the act dissolving Babcock Ranch, Inc.
- (c) Upon dissolution of the corporation, any cash balances of funds shall revert to the General Revenue fund or such other state fund as may be provided under the act dissolving Babcock Ranch, Inc.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that SB 1226 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session, or an extension thereof, and becomes law.

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corporation prepare an annual budget; specifying a goal of self-sustaining operation within a certain period; providing for the corporation to retain donations and other moneys; requiring that the corporation adopt articles of incorporation and bylaws subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; authorizing the corporation to appoint advisory committees; providing requirements for a comprehensive business plan; specifying the procedures by which the corporation shall assume the management and operation of the Babcock Ranch Preserve; prohibiting the corporation from taking certain actions without the consent of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; requiring that the corporation be subject to certain state laws and rules governing the procurement of commodities and services; authorizing the corporation to assess fees; providing for management of the Babcock Ranch Preserve until expiration of a current management agreement; providing for reversion of the management and operation responsibilities to certain agencies upon the dissolution of the corporation; providing that the corporation may only be dissolved by an act of the Legislature; providing for reversion of funds upon the dissolution of the corporation; providing a contingent effective date.

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WHEREAS, the Babcock Ranch comprises the largest private undeveloped single-ownership tract of land in Charlotte County and contains historical evidence in the form of old logging camps and other artifacts that indicate the importance of this

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land for domesticated livestock production, timber supply, and other bona fide agricultural uses, and

WHEREAS, the careful husbandry of the Babcock Ranch, including selective timbering, limited grazing and hunting, and the use of prescribed burning, has preserved a mix of healthy range and timberland with significant species diversity and provides a model for sustainable land development and use, and

WHEREAS, the Babcock Ranch must be protected for current and future generations by continued operation as a working ranch under a unique management regime that protects the land and resource values of the property and the surrounding ecosystem while allowing and providing for the ranch to become financially self-sustaining, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's best interest that the management regime for the Babcock Ranch include the development of an operational program for appropriate preservation and development of the ranch's land and resources, and

WHEREAS, the public's interest will be served by the creation of a not-for-profit corporation to develop and implement environmentally sensitive, cost-effective, and creative methods to manage and operate a working ranch, NOW, THEREFORE,

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